



Line Officer Involvement in Fire Program Analysis (FPA)

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Topic: Features of FPA that line officers should understand and support.

Issue: It is vital that line officers are aware of the critical roles and responsibilities they share in FPA. It is vital that they are informed and involved in FPA to ensure that the wildland fire budget development and delivery system is consistent with land, resource and fire management objectives for their unit. Line officer involvement and support is critical in Fire Program Analysis since there may be fundamental changes in wildland fire management.

Fundamental changes include:

- Interagency landscape scale analysis vs. single agency analysis
- Accommodates interagency planning units, shared initial response resources, and program management staff

Background: FPA is an interagency planning analysis and budgeting system for five federal wildland fire management agencies. Effective involvement, participation and communication of all units involved in the interagency Fire Planning Unit (FPU) are critical to completing the analysis and submitting the FY 2008 out-year budgets. The first module, FPA Preparedness Module (PM) analysis will be used to develop the fire preparedness budgets for FY 2008.

FPA solutions are influenced by land, resource and fire management objectives. Without specific land, resource and fire management objectives, it will be difficult to develop and interpret FPA results. FPA itself, will not require land management plan changes, FPA is a tool to analyze plans and policy.

Key Points: Line officers should have an understanding of the range of budgets represented and that this range is consistent with the fire preparedness program alternatives for their unit. ([Line officer orientation package](#))

Fire planning units (FPUs) will run the system and use these outcomes for Fiscal Year 2008 formulation. For agency memos outlining direction visit: [USDA Forest Service](#) or [DOI - BLM, BIA, NPS, USFWS](#)

Through a FPU transition plan, line officers must provide managerial oversight to effectively implement FPA.

Line Officer/s roles and responsibilities at the FPU level:

- ♦ Select an agency representative to participate on the interagency FPU team
- ♦ Approve FPU charter
- ♦ Maintain positive communication with your fire and resource staffs
- ♦ Foster relationships and form partnerships with interagency collaborator
- ♦ Commit to concept of shared resources and program leadership
- ♦ Ensure interdisciplinary coordination and involvement in the weighting process
- ♦ Be briefed on model outputs identified in the analysis
- ♦ Document certification and approval^{**} of the analysis process and outputs

Line Officer Budget Development and Delivery responsibilities:

Local Unit Line Officer

- ♦ Ensure BDD is completed for your unit

Regional/State Level Line Officer

- ♦ Review agency FPU analysis and BDD - coordinate with FPU participants
- ♦ Enter their agency's regional/state preparedness costs and submit

National Budget Lead

- ♦ Review BDD requests from regional/state level
- ♦ Coordinate with other agencies
- ♦ Add national line items
- ♦ Consolidate fire budget with agency budget

***Approval of the analysis process and outputs means:*

- Acknowledge that your unit was fairly represented in the analysis
- Acknowledge that the analysis was certified
- Acknowledge FPA-PM outputs reflect those generated by the analysis
- Budget Development and Delivery (BDD) represents the fire program elements not addressed in FPA-PM and transition items

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